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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A "Spare Our Fish" Plea

THIS is no homily on disaster, no fearful tirade against Washington; but a plea for the preservation of the fish which make their abode in the waters of the Pacific. Pollution, alas, is imminent. The water soon will not be fit to swim in and all because of the recent Hydrogen Bomb explosion at the not too distant Marshall Islands. The situation is viewed with such alarm that an eminent Professor well versed in the dark abracadabra of Nuclear Physics has recommended that in future all fishing vessels should carry Geiger Counters in case they net fish contaminated by the death dealing dust from the explosion. It requires no particularly fertile imagination to visualise the result—the net coming dripping from the sea with its leaping silver haul. Each fish has to be "screened" for the doubtful crime of being radio-active! The process, presumably, will be one of selection and rejection with a monotonous "She-loves-me-she-loves-me-not" regularity. May we suggest that instead of hurling the rejected fish back into the sea, they be carefully put to one side, boxed, and if the Authorities would ignore their strategic content, sent behind the Iron Curtain as a reminder of the advance of Western science.

THIS solution to the problem is all very plausible, but until the Geiger Counters are installed in the travelers we must contemplate the horror of a new fish, not merely fresh, or even frozen, canned, pickled, smoked, embalmed, salted, preserved, potted, or pasted, but — radio - activated! Imagine the advertisements. "Dawson's Atomised 'Alibut and Hydrogenised Hake" and, as a variation of potted shrimps, "Neuclearised Newts" . . . and then into the realms of a nightmare of steamed sole and . . . a cloud of Strontium 90 mushrooms into your face. It is said this particular substance remains active for 25 years. How awful if it smells like garlic. In the interests of Far East fish eaters (no parochial plea is this—we are more worldly than to consider Hongkong alone), we beg our American friends to spare our fish: if Hydrogen Bombs must be exploded, then explode them in the Atlantic.

NAGUIB REMAINS PREMIER

But Loses Fight To Restore Civil Government MARTIAL LAW DECLARED

CAIRO, MAR. 29. THE EGYPTIAN ARMY JUNTA HAS DEFEATED GENERAL MOHAMMED NAGUIB'S ATTEMPT TO RESTORE PARLIAMENTARY RULE IN EGYPT AND TONIGHT THE NATION WAS IN THE GRIP OF MARTIAL LAW.

But Naguib stays as President and Prime Minister in spite of the victory of his chief rival, Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, who led the junta and its civilian allies in their bid to reverse last week's decision to end army rule this summer.

While General Naguib — a sick man after collapsing with blood pressure and arterial trouble today — was fighting his losing battle of policy with the rival leaders, "a state of siege" was proclaimed by the armed forces, Commander-in-Chief, Major-General Abdel Hakim Amer, "to maintain law and order."

More troops poured into the capital and soldiers with drawn swords mounted guard on public buildings, banks, embassies, squares and main streets.

The military and civilian leaders in joint session then announced that they had scrapped the decision to hand over to the politicians, called off the elections for a constituent assembly and declared the revolution would run its original three-year course.

The 200,000 railwaymen who had come out against the Naguib policy called off their strike and it was announced trains would be running again from midnight.

Observers expect the spreading general strike will also be called off.

Big question mark though is the attitude of the Cavalry Corps, which alone of the Army, is backing Naguib.

The Cavalry's tanks played a major part in putting him back in power after he was thrown out by Colonel Nasser and the Junta, a few weeks ago.

Major Salah Salem, Minister of National Guidance, who made known the changed policy tonight announced the immediate formation of a National Consultative Council which would be representative of all sections of the country's life.

BLOOD PRESSURE
The decisions were taken at General Naguib's own villa with his doctors at hand.

He had collapsed at Cairo airport after saying farewell to King Saud, Egypt's state guest for the past week.

General Naguib is stated to be suffering from abnormal blood pressure, hardening of the arteries and nervous strain from the recent political tussle.



JOHN FOSTER DULLES

Call For "United Action"

Washington, Mar. 29. Diplomatic authorities predicted tonight that the United States is preparing to ask Britain, France and other Allied powers to join it in a declaration guaranteeing Southeast Asia against Communist aggression.

They said that was the thought behind Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' declaration in his speech to the Overseas Writers Club here that the US believes the Red threat to the area must be met by "united action."

The assumption here is that Mr Dulles has in mind a warning to the Chinese Reds that any overt move into any of the Southeast Asian countries would bring co-ordinated retaliation on the Chinese mainland. The Chinese Reds, have not intervened directly in the Indo-China fight but are supplying the indigenous Reds there.

Mr Dulles did not spell out in detail what he meant by "united action" but in speaking of Red threats to Southeast Asia, he said:

"Under the conditions of today the imposition on Southeast Asia of the political system of Communist Russia and its Chinese Communist ally, by whatever means, would be a grave threat to the whole free community. The United States feels that that possibility should not be passively accepted but should be met by united action. This might involve serious risks. But these risks are far less than those that will face us a few years from now, if we dare not be resolute today."

The importance attached to his call for "united action" was emphasized by the fact that this passage in the text of his speech was called to the special attention of the British and French Ambassadors here before the American Secretary of State delivered the address.—United Press.

LONDON PAPER FINED \$1,000

London, Mar. 29. Lord Beaverbrook's Evening Standard newspaper was fined \$1,000 with costs in the High Court today for contempt of court resulting from a murder trial report last month.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Goddard, said no separate penalties would be imposed on the Editor, Mr Percy Eland, or on Mr George Forrest, the Evening Standard reporter, who wrote the report of the trial.

Lord Goddard described the error as "an honest mistake." He said there was no intention of interfering with the course of justice.—Reuter.

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Dulles Repeats—No Recognition Of Peking Regime

FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH

New York, Mar. 29. The US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, declared emphatically tonight that the US will not try to appease Communist China at the Geneva conference with recognition or admission to the United Nations and that abandonment of Nationalist China to "bloody liquidation" by the Communists is "unthinkable."

In a major foreign policy speech at the Overseas Press Club, Mr Dulles said he was firmly opposed to recognition of "a regime that actively attacks our vital interests" or admission into the United Nations "a convicted aggressor which has not purged itself from that aggression and which continues to promote the use of force in violation of the principles of the United Nations."

Mr Dulles reaffirmed that Communist China's presence at the Geneva conference did not imply recognition. "The United States delegation will go to Geneva in an effort to bring about a united and independent Korea, from which Communist China will have to withdraw its army of invasion. Also, we hope, that any Indo-China discussion will serve to bring the Chinese Communists to see the danger of their apparent design for the conquest of Southeast Asia to that they will cease and desist. We shall not, however, be disposed to give Communist China what it wants from us merely to buy its promises of future good behaviour."

Mr Dulles, whose speech was televised and broadcast from the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, said Communist China's "continuing lack of genuine will for peace" was being demonstrated in Indo-China.

"We can, I think, take a lesson from Dien Bien Phu. For some time there has seemed to be a lull. But in fact the danger has steadily mounted. The enemy sappers have never ceased their work. They have burrowed and tunneled to gain forward positions so that the inner citadels can be subjected to mass assault from a close position."

"Today the free world also feels a sense of lull. The danger of general war seems to have receded. I hope that is so. If it is so, it's because the new nations saw the danger and moved untidily with courage and decision to meet it."

SERIOUS DANGER

He warned that "under present conditions" the imposition of the Soviet and Chinese Communist political system on Southeast Asia would represent a serious danger for the entire free world. The US considered such a possibility should not be accepted passively but should be confronted by unified action. Such a course of action might involve serious risks but these risks would be much less serious than those which would be faced in several years if a determined attitude were not adopted today.

Mr Dulles said it was sometimes necessary to take risks to win the peace just as it was necessary to take risks to triumph in war.

"The chances for peace are usually bettered by letting a potential aggressor know in advance where his aggression could lead him. I hope that these statements which I make here tonight will serve the cause of peace."

The Secretary of State said that those responsible for American policy must decide whether it would help "our country if, by recognition, we give increased prestige and influence to a regime that actively attacks our vital interests. The answer is no."

FREE TO VARY
He noted that President James Monroe in the early part of the 19th century had denounced "Castro Russia" but had declared at the same time that the de facto Russian Government would be considered the legitimate government.

Mr Dulles said that the US had never been a party to a general policy of appeasement. He said the US had always been a party to a policy of "united action" against aggression.

PRIEST WOUNDED
A Catholic priest was shot and seriously wounded today in Saigon, Vietnam, by a Viet Cong sniper.

The priest, who was shot in the chest, was being treated in a hospital in Saigon.

21 Killed In Train Crash

Buenos Aires, Mar. 29. A train crash killed 21 people near the city of Corazon Suarez, south of Buenos Aires, today, according to first reports.

Police said all the killed and five injured were passengers in a bus which attempted to cross the track ahead of the train.

The train, on a regular passenger service from Bahia Blanca to Rosario, crushed the bus. The engine was derailed.—Reuter.

RUSSIA USES VETO AGAIN

New York, Mar. 29. Russia today vetoed in the Security Council a New Zealand resolution calling on Egypt to lift restriction on shipping passing through the Suez Canal on its way to Israel.

Britain, the United States and France had all supported the New Zealand resolution which expressed "grave concern" at Egypt's failure to comply with a request by the Council in 1951 for the lifting of these restrictions.

Egypt has said she "energetically rejects" the resolution. This was the Soviet Union's 58th veto in the Security Council.

Eight nations voted for the resolution, two opposed it—the Lebanon, backing the Soviet Union—and one, China, abstained.

But the negative vote of the Russian delegate, Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, meant that the resolution was not passed.

The last veto cast by Russia in the Security Council on January 29, also concerned a Western proposal about the Middle East.

It blocked a plan to get a settlement of the Jordan River dispute between Israel and Syria.

Sir Plesmon Dixon, the British delegate, described the Russian use of the veto at that time as "melancholy and sinister."

Brazil, Colombia and Denmark were among the countries backing the New Zealand resolution.

Mr Vyshinsky, before the vote was taken, urged it would be "far more desirable" if the Council appealed to both parties to take measures to settle their dispute by direct negotiation.

He described the resolution as "unsatisfactory"—Reuter.

Another H-Bomb Test Last Friday

Washington, Mar. 29. A second hydrogen bomb test was carried out successfully at America's Pacific proving grounds last Friday, the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Mr Lewis Strauss, announced today.

Mr Strauss, who returned from the Pacific only this morning, said in a statement that the test series was producing "information highly important to national defence." He did not elaborate on the new H-bomb test.

There was no indication how the new explosion compared with the previous one, which was so powerful one Congressman said, "You almost might say it was out of control."

Mr Strauss emphasized, however, that the utmost care was taken against any repetition of the earlier blast, which showered Japanese fishermen and others with radioactive dust many miles from the test site.

AREA SEARCHED
He said before the blast was set off, naval and Air Force units attached to the atomic task force carefully searched the area both visually and by radar. No shipping was discovered in the area.

Members of the Joint Congressional Atomic Committee, who were advised of the new test last today, said they understood "it was not as big as the last one." The Committee probably will receive a more complete report at a secret session previously called for tomorrow.

In line with AEC policy, Mr Strauss did not refer directly to an H-bomb test but merely called it the second test of the present thermonuclear series.

Thermonuclear is the term used by scientists for H-bomb tests.—United Press.

BRITAIN'S DECISION
Canberra, Mar. 29. Authoritative sources said today that Britain did not plan to test further atomic devices in Australia this year. The sources said Britain was satisfied with the results of the last tests at the Woomera rocket range, which gave her atomic weapons for her three armed services. They said Britain would now concentrate on developing these weapons.—United Press.

No Restoration Of Gold Standard
Washington, Mar. 29. The US Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Mr Randolph Burgess, said today his Department was unfavourably opposed to any restoration of the gold standard in the US.—France-Press.

Red Deserter Given Asylum

Vienna, Mar. 29. A young Soviet artilleryman who fled into the American sector of Vienna has been granted asylum, the United States Information Service announced today.

Jouri Hodoczi, 20, stationed at Korneuburg near Vienna with the Soviet 23rd artillery division, said he prepared for his escape six months ago because he "hated Communism" and "had had enough" of the Soviet Army. He crossed into the US zone after hiking three days across country.

Hodoczi, native of a village near Romanovsk in the Saratov region of European Russia, had joined the Red Army in 1942.—France-Press.

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"BIG THREE" CONFERENCE ON TRADE BAN

Stassen Outlines Objections To British Plan

London, Mar. 29. The United States foreign aid chief, Mr Harold Stassen, outlined to a "Big Three" conference today America's objections to Britain's plan to sell more goods to Communist Europe, diplomatic sources said.

He was addressing British and French Ministers at the opening of a two-day meeting called to discuss Sir Winston Churchill's proposals for boosting East-West European trade by whittling down the present list — enforced by the Atlantic Pact countries plus West Germany and Japan on the export of potentially strategic materials.

Under the "Battle Act" passed by Congress in 1951, the American Administration is forbidden to give aid to countries selling strategic goods to Communist nations unless the President expressly permits sales in the interests of the United States.

The main aim of the London conference is to prevent a serious political difference between America and her Allies.

Mr Stassen has made it clear in the talks he has had with British Ministers and officials since his arrival on Saturday that too liberal a revision of the embargoed items would provoke bitter hostility in Congress. In the American view nothing should be exported to the Communist world which would increase its war potential.

For this reason Britain has pressed for a more liberal definition of some sections of the forbidden items.

Neither she nor America's other Allies wants any relaxation of the embargo on warlike commodities.

But Britain is attempting in the London talks to reach agreement with the United States on how much of the ban can be lifted without endangering Western security.

Many of the goods however, can be used for peaceful or warlike purposes and these are being scrutinized item by item.

DEFENCE AID
The recommendations of the three-power meeting here will be passed to the Paris group representing all the nations respecting the embargoes for final agreement.

Mr Stassen is also discussing with British officials the scale of American defence aid to Britain in the financial year beginning in July.

Mr Stassen plans to fly to Washington to report to President Eisenhower tomorrow night.

But some American officials will remain to continue detailed discussions.—Reuter.

Russia Has "Pre-Fab" Submarines

Russia is now assembling in quantity a new type of long-range, high-speed submarine, according to latest reports from London.

This class of submarine—first sighted in the North Sea and in Greenland waters during NATO naval manoeuvres—was seen last March off the South African coast and in the Far East.

It is reported to be prefabricated at inland factories and assembled at Baltic and Far East shipyards.

Most modern and streamlined in outline, the new Communist submarine is—

BIG: about 3,000 tons submerged and capable of an endurance of 20,000 miles—nearly half-way round the world and back. More than 320ft long—bigger than a British frigate.

FAST: at least 20 knots under water.

POWERFUL: there are twin 3in. guns in a turret before the conning tower and a twin light ack-ack quickfiring anti-aircraft gun.

This class has been sighted recently in substantial numbers. It is the first long-range submarine developed for the Russian Navy from captured German boats or by captured German designers.

Russia is now estimated by NATO experts to have about 350 submarines of all types. Fewer than 100 are fast or up to date.

Modernisation of the ocean-going coastal-defence, and training flotillas is now being accelerated.

By then it is estimated that there will be at least 3,500,000 TV sets in operation. And the total audience is likely to top everything except that mammoth gathering which saw the Queen crowned nearly a year ago.

A camera is expected to be set up facing Buckingham Palace so that close-up shots of the Queen and the Duke waving to the crowds may be televised throughout Britain.

The actual homecoming TV pictures are likely to begin as the Britanna steams into London. But TV's first unit hopes to fly down Channel to film the welcome of the little ships from the fishing ports of the West.

It is probable that hundreds of public motor-cars, their

lens, and pleasure steamers will be out in the Channel all the way from Falmouth to Dover, and TV film cameras hope that the weather will be clear enough for good pictures.

These will be rushed back to London to be screened as a preliminary to the actual transmission of the arrival in the Port of London.

If this can be done, millions of viewers throughout the country will, for the first time

US Battleship To Join 'Mothball Fleet'

New York, Mar. 29. The American battleship Missouri will be returned to the mothball fleet this Autumn to make room in the United States Navy for additional aircraft carriers, the New York Times reported today.

The Times said the Missouri had already been given its final overhaul and would undergo a deactivation process at Bremerton, Washington, beginning in September.

The Navy Department refused to verify the report.

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Gruenther Tells France: No Alternative To EDC

Paris, Mar. 29. The Supreme Commander of Allied forces in Europe, General Alfred Gruenther, told France today "we have no alternative solution here at SHAPE headquarters to the European Defence Community."

Replying to questions put by radio commentators on a programme recorded for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Gen. Gruenther explained that for the Allied Command the EDC problem was a military and not a political one.

"We have stated our needs. We have stated we need a German contribution to the defence of Europe. This under EDC is completely feasible."

Asked about defence against hydrogen bombs, the Allied Supreme Commander said: "Defence against the H-bomb is the same as against the A-bomb. We must try to prevent them from being delivered. Once they have been dropped on our troops or cities we are in great trouble."

"The tactics of the SHAPE Command in face of a possible aggression will never be 100 per cent defensive because the offence has a tremendous advantage over the defence."

TROUBLE ON RIGHT
Turning to the Mediterranean-Middle East front, Gen. Gruenther said: "If the possible aggressors turned our right flank we would be in trouble. But I hope there will be enough forces in that area."

He was confident that the Western Powers, in case of an atomic attack, would be able to retaliate with "tremendous destructive ability."

Our delivery capacity is much greater than theirs. In that fact lies one element of our safety."

General Gruenther said the U.S. Air Force had a jet bomber capable of first-rate altitude and distance performances, the B-47, whereas the Soviet Union only had the TU-4. "A copy of the B-29 and practically obsolete" and no other answer to the B-47 at present.

"However, they are developing prototypes and in a few years they can have planes as good, if not better, than our B-47."

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EISENHOWER WILL BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN

"To Eliminate Fear, Confusion And Hysteria"

Washington, Mar. 29.

A United States Congressman who observed the massive hydrogen bomb explosion at Bikini Atoll on March 1 said today he would ask President Eisenhower to explain publicly what happened in order to eliminate worldwide "confusion, fear and hysteria."

Mr. Chet Holifield, Democratic member of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, said he would raise the question of more public information in the House of Representatives. He added that he might communicate directly with the President.

Mr. Eisenhower was due to receive a full account of the Bikini hydrogen bomb test today from Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Mr. Lewis Strauss.

Mr. Strauss, just back from the test area, is reporting on the "unforeseen circumstances" in which observers and Japanese fishermen were showered with atomic ash.

Since the explosion, the test danger area has been expanded to 300,000 square miles. Mr. Strauss was expected to outline to the President further security measures for future tests.

Mr. Holifield said on his return from the Pacific test area recently that the March 1 blast was "no fun beyond what was predicted that you might say it was out of control."

In an interview today, he said he had been pledged to secrecy about details of his visit. But he thought the President could give the public a review of the explosion without revealing top secret information.

FULL PROTECTION

"Describing the effect of weapons is not telling the Russians how we make them, how they are detonated or how many we have," he said.

Mr. Holifield said he also intended to ask Mr. Strauss and Mr. W. Sterling Cole, Republican Chairman of the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, to review security regulations to determine how much could be made public.

Officials declined to specify the date of the next big test, but Mr. Zand, a Republican member of the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, said two days ago it would probably be between April 10 and 22.

Officials were said to be confident that new precautions would provide ample protection against any damage to aircraft, shipping people and fishing in the Pacific.

Bikini H-Bomb Explosion

New Persian Envoy Meets Eden



Mr. Ali Soheily, the newly-arrived Persian Ambassador shakes hands with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, when they met at the Foreign Office recently. Mr. Soheily was appointed after the resumption of diplomatic relations. —Central Press Photo.

"We Have Loosened Enemy's Grip"

French Sortie At Dien Bien Phu: 'Brilliant Success'

Saigon, Mar. 29.

French Union defences of Dien Bien Phu who, in a spectacular daylight sortie yesterday killed 1,000 Vietminh, have loosened the enemy grip round the shell-scarred fortress, the French High Command announced here today.

A French spokesman described the raid by Colonel Christian de Castrie's Garrison as a "brilliant success".

He said the Vietminh had been taken so much by surprise that the French and Vietnamese columns punched right through their lines and created havoc.

Among 150 weapons seized were two 60 millimetre guns, five 20 millimetre anti-aircraft guns and 14 high machine-guns. The French said they counted 1,000 rebel dead, while their own casualties were about 20 men.

French officers have expressed their delight that the fortress garrison, pounded by rebel guns for the past fortnight, had given the besiegers such an unpleasant surprise.

Observers said Colonel de Castrie's dash plan was in the tradition of his soldierly family, which provided a Marshal of France for King Louis XIV and a Lieutenant-Colonel who fought in the American war of independence.

Vietminh forces intercepted about two battalions of French Union troops, supported by seven tanks, which made unsuccessful attempts to take the besieged fortress of Dien Bien Phu on March 30, according to the New China News Agency.

The message said the attackers were forced to withdraw after suffering more than 100 casualties. —Reuter.

Salvatore Giovali planned today to appeal against a ticket he received for over-parking. He said he parked his car next to a parking meter pole that was minus the meter, but when he returned later a meter had been installed and a ticket attached to his motorcar. —United Press.

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Concluding The Adventure of the TWO WOMEN

There was something terrible in that beautiful face

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

The Duchess of Carringford, widow of the late Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, is being blackmailed on the eve of the marriage of her daughter to a Cabinet Minister. She has been informed that her late husband made an early and secret marriage in France to a woman who is still alive—thus making the Duchess's own marriage bigamous and her daughter illegitimate. As the price of silence the blackmailer is demanding copies of state papers which belonged to the late Duke. Holmes suspects that a society woman, Edith von Lammerein, is a spy and behind the blackmail. He decides to break the law by entering Mme von Lammerein's house in order to examine the marriage documents. Watson agrees to accompany him. They get into the library and hide behind the window curtains...

THOUGH we were enveloped in a darkness smelling faintly of calfskin and old leather, I was conscious of a sense of space about me. The silence was profound, save for the measured ticking of a grandfather clock in the depth of the room.

Perhaps five minutes had dragged by when there came a sound from somewhere within the house followed by steps and a soft murmur of voices. A line of light gleamed for an instant beneath the edge of a door, vanished and, after a pause of some moments, slowly reappeared.

I CAUGHT the sound of swift footfalls, the line of light grew brighter. Then the door swung open and a woman, carrying a lamp in her hand, entered the room.

Though time tends to erase the sharp outline of past events, I recall as though it were but yesterday my first view of Edith von Lammerein.

Above the rays of an oil-lamp I beheld an ivory-tinted face with dark sombre eyes and a beautiful scarlet, remorseless mouth. Her hair, piled high upon her head and of a raven blackness, was set with a spray of osprey plumes clasped with

rubies, and beneath her bare neck and shoulders a magnificent gown of black sequins flashed and shimmered against the darkness.

For a moment she stood as though listening and then, closing the door behind her, she swept down the great room, her tall, slim shadow trailing behind her and the lamp in her hand casting a dim special glow along the booklined walls.

I do not know whether it was the rustle of the curtain that reached her ears, but, as Holmes stepped out into the room, she was round in an instant and, holding the lamp above her head so that the rays fell in our direction, she stood quite still and looked at us. There was not a trace of fear upon her ivory face but only fury and venom in the dark eyes that glared at us across that great silent chamber.

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"WHO are you?" she hissed. "What do you want?"

"Five minutes of your time, Madame von Lammerein," rejoined Holmes softly.

"So! I know my name. If you are not burglars, then what is it you seek? It would amuse me to hear before I raise the house."

Holmes pointed to her left hand. "I am here to examine those papers," said he, "and I warn you that I mean to do so. I beg that you will not make it necessary to prevent an outcry."

She thrust her hand behind her, her eyes blazing in her face.

The new exploits of SHERLOCK HOLMES

By ADRIAN CONAN DOYLE

"You ruffian!" she cried. "Now I understand! You are Her saintly Grace's hired burglar." Then, with a swift movement, she craned forward, the lamp out-held before her, and, as she looked intently at my friend, I saw her expression of fury change into one of incredulity. A smile, as exultant as it was menacing, dawned slowly in her eyes.

"Mr Sherlock Holmes!" she breathed.

There was a touch of mortification in Holmes's manner as he turned away and lit the candles on an ornate side-table.

"The possibility of recognition had already occurred to me, Madame," said he.

"This will earn you five years," she cried with a flash of her white teeth.

"Perhaps, in that case, I must have my money's worth. The documents!"

"Do you imagine that you will accomplish anything by stealing them? I have copies and a dozen witnesses to their contents," she laughed throatily. "I had imagined you to be a clever man."

"Instead, I find a fool, a bungler, a common thief!"

"We shall see." He held out his hand and, with a sneer and a shrug, she resigned the documents to him. "I rely on you, Watson," my friend remarked quietly, stepping across to the side-table, "to prevent any collusion between Madame von Lammerein and the bell-ropes."

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BENEATH the glow of the candles, he read through the documents and then, holding them up against the light, he decided that the faint, lean, cadaverous profile cut in black silhouette against the luminous yellow parchment. Then he looked at me and my heart sank at the chagrin in his face.

"The watermark is English, Watson," he stated quietly. "But as paper of this make and quality was imported into France on a large scale fifty years ago, this does not help us. Alas, I fear the worst."

And I knew that he was thinking not of his own unenviable position, but of the anxious, courageous woman in whose cause he had risked his own liberty.

Mme von Lammerein indulged in a little peal of laughter. "Too much success had gone to your head, Mr Holmes," she jeered. "But this time you have blundered, as you will find to your cost."

My friend had spread the papers immediately below the candle flames and was bending over them again when I saw that a sudden change had taken place in his expression. The chagrin and annoyance that had clouded his face had gone, and in their place was a look of intense concentration.

His long nose seemed almost to smelt the paper as he stooped over it. When he straightened himself at last, I caught a gleam of excitement from his deep-set eyes.

"What do you make of this, Watson?" said he as I hastened to his side. He pointed to the writing that inscribed the details on both documents.

"It is a very legible hand," I said.

"The ink, man, the ink!" he cried impatiently.

"Well, it is black ink," I remarked, leaning over his shoulder. "But I fear that there is little to help us in that. I can show you a dozen old letters from my father written in a similar medium."

Holmes chuckled and rubbed his hands together. "Excellent, Watson, excellent!" he cried. "Now, kindly examine the name and the signature of Henry Corwyn Gladstone on the marriage certificate. And now look at the entry of his name in the entry of the Valence Church register, and

"They appear to be perfectly in order, and the signature is the same in both cases."

"Quite so. But the ink?"

"There is a shade of blue in it. Yes, certainly it is ordinary blue-black indigo ink. What then?"

"Every word in both documents is written in black ink, with the exception of the bridegroom's name and signature. Does not this strike you as curious?"

"Curious, perhaps, but by no means inexplicable. Gladstone was probably in the habit of using his own waistcoat inkpot."

Holmes rushed to a writing-desk in the window and, after rummaging for an instant, re-

turned with a quill and inkstand in his hand.

"Would you say that this is the same colour," he asked, dipping the quill and making a mark or two on the edge of the document.

"It is identical," I confirmed.

"Quite so. And the ink in this pot is blue-black indigo."

Mme von Lammerein, who had been standing in the background, darted suddenly for the bell-ropes, but before she had time to pull it Holmes's voice rang through the room.

"You have my word for it that if you touch that bell you are ruined," he said sternly. She paused with her hand upon the rope.

"What mockery is this!" she sneered. "Are you suggesting that Henry Gladstone signed his marriage documents at my desk? Why, you fool, everybody uses ink of that description."

"Largely true. But these documents are dated June 12, 1848."

"Well, what of that?"

"I fear that you have been guilty of a small error, Madame von Lammerein. The black ink that contains indigo was not invented until 1856."

There was something terrible in the beautiful face that glared at us across the circle of candle-light.

"You lie!" she hissed.

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HOLMES shrugged. "The various amateur chemist can prove it," said he as he picked up the papers and placed them carefully in his cape pocket.

"These are, of course, the perfectly genuine marriage documents of Francis Pelletan," he continued. "But the real name of the bridegroom has been written both in the certificate and in the page from the Valence Church register, and

the name of Henry Corwyn Gladstone substituted in its place.

"I have no doubt that, should the need arise, an examination under the microscope would show traces of the erasure. The ink itself is, however, conclusive proof and represents but another example that it is on the small easily-detectable error, rather than on any basic flaw in the conception, that the most intricate plans crash to their ruin as the mighty vessel on the small but fatal point of rock. As for you, Madame, when I consider the full implications of your scheme against a defenceless woman, I am hard put to it to recall a more cold-blooded ruthlessness."

"What are you to insult a woman!"

"In scheming to destroy another should she refuse you her husband's secret papers, you have surrendered the prerogatives of a woman," he replied bitterly.

SHE LOOKED at us with an evil smile on her waxen face. "At least, you shall pay for it," she promised.

"You have broken the law."

"True, and by all means pull the bell," said Sherlock Holmes. "My poor defence will be the provocation of forgery, attempted blackmail, and—mark the word—espionage. Indeed, as a measure of tribute to your gifts, I shall allow you exactly one week in which to leave this country. After then, the authorities will be warned against you."

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IT WAS past 11 o'clock next morning, and the breakfast things had not yet been cleared from the table. Sherlock Holmes, who had returned from an early excursion, had discarded his frock coat for an old smoking jacket, and now lounged in front of the fire cleaning the stems of his pipes with a long, thin bodkin that had originally come into his possession under circumstances with which I do not propose to harrow my readers.

"You have seen the Duchess?" I inquired.

"I have, and put her in possession of all the facts. Purely as a precautionary measure, she is lodging the documents inscribed with her husband's forged signature, together with my statement of the case, in the hands of the family lawyers. But she has nothing more to fear from Edith von Lammerein."

"Owing to you, my dear fellow," I cried warmly.

"Well, well, Watson. The case was simple enough and the work its own reward."

I glanced at him keenly.

"You look a bit fine-drawn, Holmes," I remarked. "You should get away into the country for a few days."

"Later on, perhaps. But I cannot leave town until Madame has departed from these shores, for she is a person of singular address."

"That is a very fine pearl which you are wearing in your cravat. I do not remember seeing it before."

MY FRIEND picked up two letters from the mantel-piece and tossed them across to me.

"They arrived while you were absent on your round," said he.

The one, which bore the address of Carringford House, ran thus:

"To your chivalry, to your courage, a woman owes her all, and such a debt is beyond reward. Let this pearl, the ancient symbol of Faith, be the token of the life that you have given back to me. I shall not forget."

The other, which had neither address nor signature, ran:

"We shall meet again, Mr Sherlock Holmes. I shall not forget."

"It is all in the point of view," chuckled Holmes, "and I have yet to meet the two women who look from the same angle."

Then, throwing himself into his chair, he reached out lazily for his most obnoxious pipe.

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Another previously untold Sherlock Holmes exploit—The Adventure of the Abbot's Baby—starts on Saturday.



WHEAT MAY BECOME DRUG ON MARKET

By Ronald Boxall

WHEAT, the most basic of basic foodstuffs, looks like becoming a drug on the market.

In a little over three months' time—the end of the current crop year—there will be more than 40 million metric tons of it in store in the chief producing countries.

With this, the world export trade in wheat could carry on at its present rate without interruption for another two years—even if farmers in the United States, Canada, Australia and Argentina did not produce a single grain.

It could satisfy all the import demands of Britain and the Colonies for eight years. Or it could supply Britain's total needs for five years.

What piled up this enormous surplus? Like so many other current economic problems, this takes us back to the Korean war.

Cutting Back

When that war broke out in the summer of 1950, the United States was cutting back its wheat production after several years of all-out effort to satisfy the huge, post-world war demand for more food.

The Korean threat to world peace forced the American Government to reverse this policy. Result was that, by 1952, the U.S. was again growing wheat at the all-out rate.

Meanwhile other nations were also building up strategic reserves and offering their own farmers extra inducements to grow more at home.

Hardly the Korean war was localized, and as world tensions eased, the countries

which had been stockpiling wheat began eating into it.

The running down of stocks coincided with two excellent harvests in nearly all producing countries.

Canada increased its yields by leaps and bounds. In the ten years from 1939 to 1948, an acre yielded 17.4 bushels. By 1952, this had grown to 26.5 bushels. Thus, although the acreage of land under wheat has remained virtually unchanged since 1935, Canadian crops have increased more than twofold.

The first steps have already been taken to remedy the surplus.

Fall in Prices

In the United States, the area sown with wheat this year is 62 million acres, against 78 million acres last season. Control has been imposed over the amount a farmer is allowed to market from each acre of his land.

The farmers chose this restriction rather than accept a reduction in the minimum price guaranteed to them by their Government.

Naturally, there has been a fall in prices. The basic type has dropped from \$2.18 (Canadian) per bushel last February to \$1.79 dollars.

In such a situation, some experts believe that the importing countries should reduce prices guaranteed to their own farmers.

There is plainly room for such a reduction in some countries. Italy, for example, guarantees its farmers \$3.29 a bushel, compared with a price equivalent to \$2.87 guaranteed to British farmers and \$2.20 to Americans.

Again, wheat has been sold by the American

Government for non-dollar currencies to help countries that have defence programmes.

Another way of disposing of surplus stocks is to give the wheat away to needy cases. This has been done by the United States and also by Canada—the latter through the Colombo Plan.

But, useful though these methods are, they won't solve the long-range problem. The long-range difficulty takes another form. Looking ahead, perhaps ten or twenty years, the signs are that the world will have, not a wheat surplus, but a serious shortage.

In the first place, we cannot be sure that recent favourable climatic conditions in North America will continue indefinitely. There have been bad crops in the past, and there will be again. When that happens, the world will need big stocks to fall back upon.

Adequate Diet

Even without crop failures, it will prove difficult to satisfy the needs of countries like India. Two years ago, India had 362 million people; seven years hence, it will have 410 million; ten years later, 460 million.

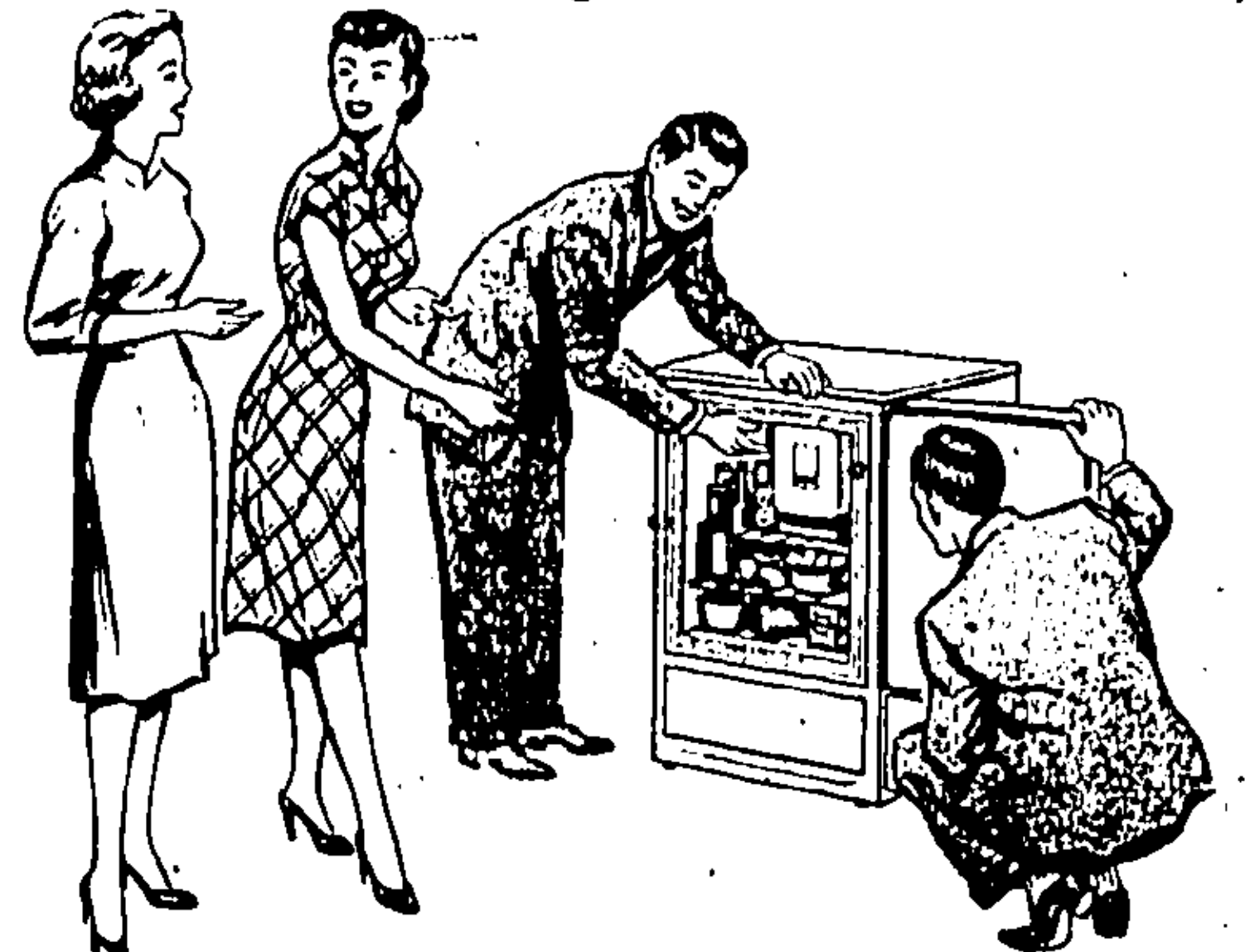
A famous Indian economist has estimated that, by 1961, India will need an additional 15 million tons of food. Even if its present agricultural production is completed on schedule, they will provide only another 5 million tons. That will leave 10 million tons to be imported.

And India is not the only country where population is outstripping the increase in home food production.

A Canadian grain firm has estimated that half the world's population hasn't enough to eat to make up an adequate diet. They would need another half pound of bread a day.

And that would work out at 10 million tons of wheat a year. That makes the world's wheat surplus a very small one.

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LEARIE CONSTANTINE ON

The Importance Of Learning To Lift The Ball

By HAROLD MAYES

"Cricket did much to cement the friendliness of Empire, to bring white and coloured people closer together. Just as easily in present circumstances it can disintegrate that friendliness, according to what we hear from the West Indies."

Who said that? Why, none other than Learie Constantine, the most colourful of all West Indian cricketing personalities ever to grace the world's cricket grounds.

Let's face it. This MCC tour has been far from a pleasant one. Bottle-throwing and bickering are hardly the kind of thing one associates with the sport whose very name is borrowed to indicate playing the game.

THEY DIDN'T CRY

Protests concerning umpires' decisions there have been all through. But they reached a climax in the Port of Spain Test when little Everton Weekes went on to score 200 after the Englishmen claimed that he should have been out to a Dick Spooner catch off Trevor Bailey's bowling when he had made 43.

According to reports, no England side has ever been so incensed as the present one about "unjust" decisions. With those facts in mind, I sought out Constantine to ask him for his views.

"Even before the tour began," he told me, "I received letters saying that the white population regarded England victories as being essential to them. When that kind of approach is abroad, does it seem possible that cricket can be played in accordance with the normal traditions of good taste and good sportsmanship?"

"All right. Umpires have made mistakes in the West Indies. Let's admit that the general standard is not so good as it is in England, but here all the umpires are old players of long experience. But haven't

there been umpiring mistakes in England, and in Australia, too. In the last Test of the 1950 series between West Indies and England, at the Oval, Len Hutton made 202 not out. The West Indians were pretty certain he had been caught in the 40's and they were pretty mad about it. But did they cry about it? No.

"There was the time, too, when Johnny Ikin 'caught' Don Bradman, and he went on to make a big score. But was there any fuss about it? No. Englishmen claimed that he should have been out to a Dick Spooner catch off Trevor Bailey's bowling when he had made 43.

REMEDIES

What do the white folk out there say about it? I have a letter before me which states:

"It is not surprising that umpiring is poor after what happened in British Guiana (the bottle-throwing). What is perhaps surprising is that anyone is willing to stand it."

"There is a tendency to judge all Englishmen by the individual members of the touring party. This applies more in West Indies than in any other place. And there is certainly one member of the future who has not been the best possible advertisement for his country."

"Another unpleasant factor from the point of view of English players is the number of white people who approach them and make it clear that their future prosperity depends on English success."

Which, after all, adds up to what Connie is saying about it. What remedies would he suggest?

"To play cricket to win, and get on with the job of doing it," he says. "My people were brought up on a different attitude, and they know how to appreciate it. If it's given to them, it will push everything else into the background. The plain, simple truth is that English cricketers appear to have forgotten how to play."

Carruthers' Eye Badly Cut In Warm-Up Fight

Sydney, Mar. 29. Australian Jimmy Carruthers, who is to defend his world bantamweight title against Chamroen Songkritrat, of Thailand, in Bangkok on May 2, out-pointed Bobby Sinn, Australian Bantamweight Champion, in a 12 rounds overweight contest here tonight.

Carruthers fought with a badly cut eye from the third round to decisively beat Sinn. The champion's eye bled so freely that at the end of the sixth round Carruthers' manager, Dr John McGirr, went to his corner to see whether the contest should continue. After the fight Carruthers had two stitches put in the wound.

Carruthers announced after the fight that he would be ready for his little bout with Songkritrat. Fighting for the first time since he retained his title against American Henry Gaul last November, Carruthers found Sinn a tough opponent. Sinn attacked furiously in the first few rounds, but Carruthers went on to build up a big points lead by superior boxing.

In the closing stages Sinn tried hard for a knockout but he could not shake Carruthers who retaliated with some stinging attacks. —Reuter.

SONOKRITRAT WINS

Bangkok, Mar. 29. The Australian bantamweight boxer, Kevin James, was knocked out by Chamroen Songkritrat at the Rajadamnern stadium last night in the first of the 12 rounds. The Thai winner is expected to meet Jimmy Carruthers for the title of May 2.

to win. They now play not to lose, and that's good enough. Under those circumstances, where they work on the assumption that if a batsman stays there long enough the runs will come, six days isn't enough for a Test match. I doubt whether even ten days will be sufficient, because the runs just don't come.

"GET ON WITH IT"

"That's the kind of approach which takes the enjoyment out of cricket, for players and spectators. When the enjoyment is gone it leaves the way open for all kinds of undercurrents. Cricketers should learn to take on with the game, and get on with the game. The good decisions with the ball, because they come round to everyone in turn," he added.

Finally, I asked the man who ranks as just about the most dynamic player of all time — whatever he was doing on cricket field he put so much into his job that one couldn't help watching him — what he thought had gone wrong with English cricket. His answer was most emphatic.

"Coaching from the cradle to the grave," he replied. "If you coach a boy when he's small he hasn't the power to lift the ball, and so he becomes steeped in defensive shots. And if he has never known the exhilaration of lifting the ball, he can never really know how to enjoy his cricket."

Will it certainly look as if Learie's got something there!

Irish Games Popular In Australia

Sydney, Mar. 29. In the picturesque harbour city of Sydney, the Irish games of hurling and Gaelic football are gaining steadily in popularity.

Introduced into Australia early last century by Irish convict, Thomas Meehan of Tulla, County Clare, the games now are played in a regular winter competition by the descendants of Irish migrants.

And on Australia's south coast, in Melbourne, Gaelic football is well established as one of the most popular of the minor sports although only seven teams compete. Last year as many people saw the grand final of the Gaelic football competition in Melbourne as saw the Aussie's vaunted tennis players whip the United States in the Davis Cup.

But an even better indication of the appeal that this rip-roaring Irish football has for sports-minded Australians is given by the crowds, totalling nearly half a million, that watch a fast, tough and spectacular descendant of the Irish game — Australian Rules football — in the southern States each Saturday.

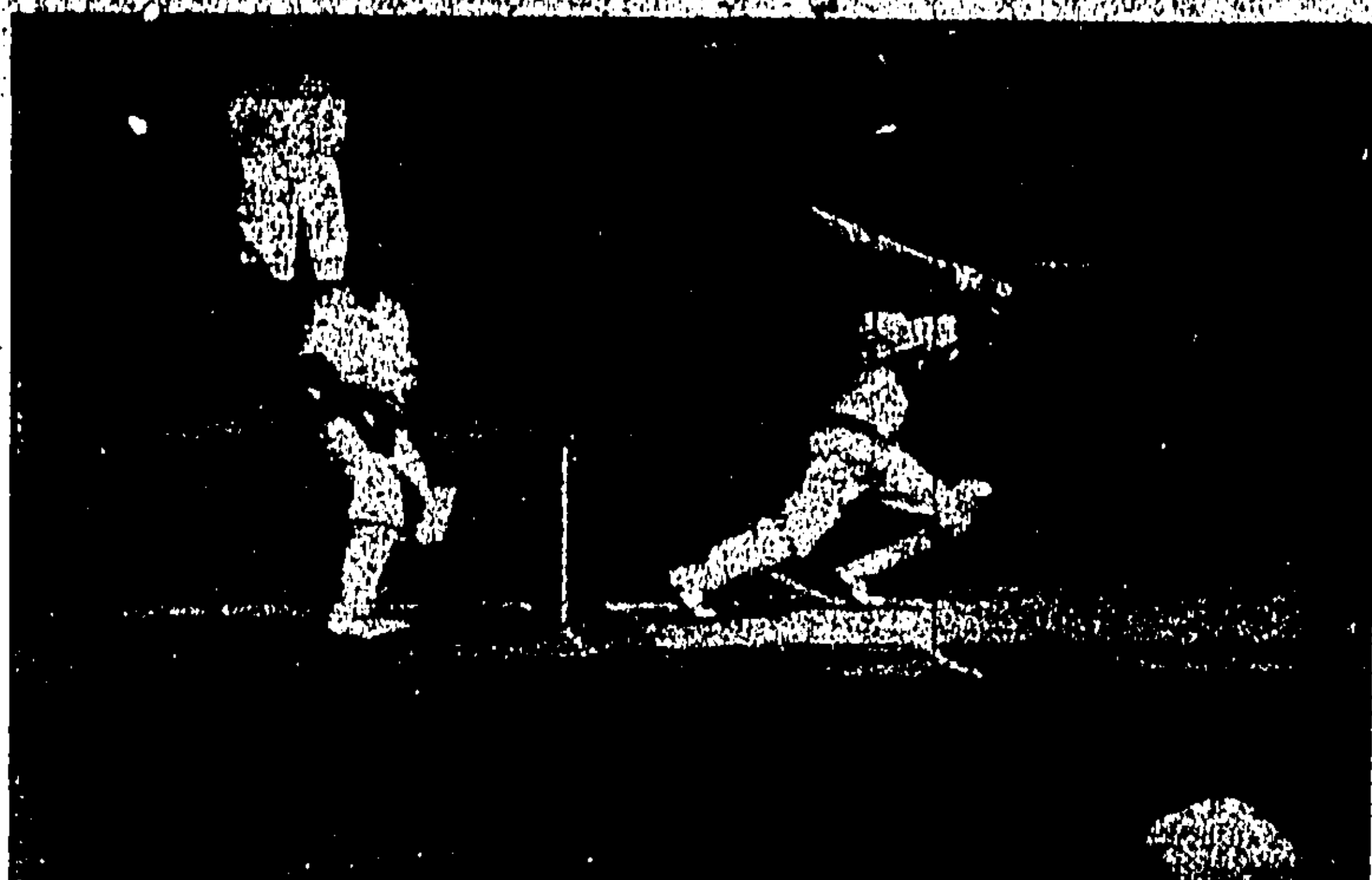
HIGH STANDARD

The standard of play in hurling has reached such a high level "Down Under" that plans have been made to invite a crack Irish team to tour Australia, playing a series of exhibition games against local teams. But the Secretary of the New South Wales Gaelic Athletic Association, Mr Patrick O'Malley, told the United Press that lack of finance might cause postponement of the tour.

Attendances are normally not big enough to allow the Association to build a sizeable financial reserve, although 11,000 people attended the Sydney Sports Ground for the hurling final last season. The Premier of New South Wales, Laurence King, a former hurling player, officially started the game.

In Gaelic football, too, Australia has plenty of top-flight talent. One of the best is Paul Callaghan, now one of the stars of the Australian League, who is expected to play for the Irish national team.

ON HIS WAY TO A DOUBLE CENTURY



Double-century-maker Everton Weekes beautifully cuts Bailey for four during his innings in the Fourth Test match between the West Indies and the MCC at Trinidad.—Central Press Photo.

51 Entries For Junior Badminton Championships

By "ARGONAUT"

Fifty-one entries have been received for the various events of the Colony Junior Badminton Championships which are scheduled to begin at the Talkoo Club on Thursday, April 1.

Though the Junior Championships have attracted the same total number of entries this year as last season, the Junior Ladies' Singles event will not be completed for in the forthcoming Championships for lack of sufficient entries.

Support has also been disappointing in the Ladies' Junior Doubles event with only four pairs participating. A compensating feature of this season's Championships, however, is the increased number of entries received for the Men's Junior Singles, Men's Junior Doubles and Junior Mixed Doubles events.

An exceptionally high standard of play is expected especially in the Men's Junior Singles, in which the four top-seeded berths have been given to last year's runner-up Francis Rozario, St. Teresa's Champion, Johnny Pomeroy Jr., 1951 runner-up Joseph Foo and the current Schoolboys' Champion, Ko Wai-bong, are seeded in the Junior Singles.

Two other outstanding players in this season's League, P. V. Yap of Craigengower and Bernard Brown of Recto, who narrowly missed the seeded spots, have been unlikely to be drawn against each other in the first round and this clash will be the highlight of the opening matches of the singles event. The Junior Championship games will be played at Recto on Mondays, at Craigengower on Tuesdays and Fridays, at St. Teresa's on Wednesdays and at Talkoo on Thursdays. They are expected to be concluded by April 15.

THE DRAW

The following is the full draw and the programme of the first two nights' games:

Men's Junior Singles Top half

*F. M. Rozario (bye); B. A. Brown v. P. V. Yap; K. Yang (bye) v. S. T. Hool

HOME RUGGER RESULTS

Yorkshire beat Cumberland 9-5 in a Rugby League County Championship match played at Whitehaven today.

Rugby Union results today were: Newbridge 6, Cross Keys 3; Ebbw Vale 3, Llanelly 0; Pontypool 9, Blenavon 8.—Reuter.

HOLE-IN-ONE

John F. Shoemaker held his Tee-shot at the 179 yards second hole on the New Course at Fanning on Sunday; a number five iron giving him his first Ace whilst playing a friendly game in the afternoon. The event was duly celebrated in the Club House in the usual manner.

(bye); Shank Fook-tat (bye) v. S. K. Wong (bye); M. Lim (bye) v. *Ko Wai-bong (bye).

Bottom half

J. Foo (bye) v. E. Ebrahim (bye); P. Gardner (bye) v. B. A. Xavier (bye); C. W. Ng (bye) v. A. A. de Roza (bye); B. Douglas (bye) v. *J. B. Pomeroy, Jr. (bye).

Men's Junior Doubles Top half

*J. Koo and Albert Tam (bye); B. A. Xavier and A. A. de Roza v. C. W. Ng and J. Foo; C. C. Wong and B. K. L. Lui (bye) v. S. T. Hool and D. L. Hui; P. Gardner and B. Douglas (bye) v. R. A. Remedios and A. Nunes (bye); K. C. Yung and Hon Yim-chang (bye) v. *C. Y. San and W. N. Cheung (bye).

Bottom half

*J. B. Pomeroy, Jr. and G. Sequeira (bye); B. K. L. Lui and Miss Lai v. B. Douglas and Mrs. E. Gray; C. K. Chan and Miss A. Young v. P. Gardner and Miss S. McColl; J. Koo and Miss M. Wong (bye).

Junior Mixed Doubles Top half

*J. B. Pomeroy, Jr. and G. Sequeira (bye); B. K. L. Lui and Miss Lai v. B. Douglas and Mrs. E. Gray; C. K. Chan and Miss A. Young v. P. Gardner and Miss S. McColl; J. Koo and Miss M. Wong (bye).

Bottom half

*S. K. Wong and Miss Chan Yuen-ye (bye); P. C. Chau and Miss Wong Sze-pui v. Frank Yeh and Miss B. Yung. Wong Yan and Miss M. Tang v. H. Castro Jr. and Miss Diana Yung; *P. V. Yap and Miss F. Dhabher (bye).

Ladies' Doubles

S. K. Ho and C. Ho v. M. Wong and B. Dhabher; B. Remedios and G. Sequeira v. Diana Yung and Chan Yuen-ye.

Seeded entries

EARLY FIXTURES

Following are the fixtures for the Colony Badminton Junior Championships:

At Talkoo, April 1

Mixed Doubles (7 p.m.): C. K. Chan and Anna Young v. T. Gardner and Mrs. E. Gray; B. A. Xavier and A. A. de Roza v. C. W. Ng and Joseph Foo; Men's Doubles (7.30 p.m.): B. A. Xavier and A. A. de Roza v. C. W. Ng and Joseph Foo; Ladies' Doubles (8 p.m.): T. C. Chan and Miss Wong Sze-pui v. Frank Yeh and Miss B. Yung; Men's Singles (8.30 p.m.): P. V. Yap v. Bernard Brown.

English Soccer Needs A Complete "Boss Man"

Says DESMOND HACKETT

English football will not be restored to the old Golden Age of world mastery until we name a Soccer Dictator, a manager who is allowed to manage—a complete boss man.

And on this very day in London when the League team chiefs assemble for the great pow-wow with the Football Association on how to improve Soccer, the suggestion will go up from the League managers: Let us have an England Football Führer.

Finding the man to lead us back to the old glory of English football is another problem.

Man of the moment bearing the title of team manager is Walter Winterbottom. But his powers of command are limited to getting the team together, the odd day or so before the match, running a fairly matutiny tactics bank, and acting as guide and escort when the Soccer men of England journey abroad.

All right, then, let Walter Winterbottom be given first chance of taking over full control. Let him submit his own teams to the selectors instead of the present situation in which he has no say at all.

This is the kind of dialogue that I should love to hear this afternoon.

Football managers: No man can be expected to run a team unless he has full control. Give an England team manager freedom to pick the men he thinks will best fit into his plan of play.

TIME FACTOR

Football Association: Fine! But if he is allowed to pick the players to match his scheme he would have to have that team together more often than the League clubs permit.

Managers: The present programme leaves so little spare time after the League fight for points and exhausting Cup ties and replays, and now those extra "B" team matches that have been slipped in.

F. A.: But you still manage to get in a fair number of floodlight matches. Surely the players could be spared three or four days in each month of the season. After all they would still be doing training.

Managers: Well, let us agree that if we are prepared to release the players, you will appoint a full-time national manager who will also be No. 1 selector.

Ah well, perchance to dream, but this looks like being the only answer to the Mid-century sports question: What is wrong with English Soccer?

THAT DOUBLE

As leading champion of West Bromwich Albion's League and Cup double bid I had to step

Statham Unfit For Fifth Test

Kingston, Jamaica.

Mar. 30. Brian Statham, the Lancashire pace bowler, failed to pass a fitness test for a rib muscle injury and will not play for England against the West Indies in the fifth cricket Test beginning here today.

If Laker is fit after an injury, England's team will be L. Hutton, T. E. Bailey, P. B. May, D. C. Compton, W. Watson, T. W. Graveney, T. G. Evans, G. A. Lock, J. C. Laker, J. H. Wardle and F. S. Trueman.

If Laker is unfit, Alan Moss, the Middlesex fast medium bowler, will probably play. The West Indies lead by two wickets to one, with one draw, and England must win the fifth Test to draw the series.—Reuter.

CELTIC BEAT STIRLING

London, Mar. 29.

Celtic beat Stirling Albion by four goals to nil in a re-arranged Scottish League Division "A" match today.

The match should have been played last Saturday, but Celtic were engaged in the Scottish Cup semi-final with Motherwell.—Reuter.

FANLING GOLF

The final for the Smalley Cup was played last week over 18 holes on the Old Course at Fanning between J. O. Pole-Hunt and H. Small. The latter player won a very even match by one up, the lead changed hands several times and J. O. Pole-Hunt is now considered to be in a fair number of floodlight matches. Surely the players could be spared three or four days in each month of the season. After all they would still be doing training.

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MEDAL SCORES

The following were the best Medal scores returned during the weekend:—Old Course—K. S. Robertson 79-12=67; A. V. Gosden 87-26=67; W. A. Johnson 88-21=68; D. L. Anderson 76-4=72.

New Course—A. D. Duffy 76-8=84; A. Middel 82-14=68; C. P. Basso 84-24=70; Dr. J. B. Mackie 82-9=71.

A one under par for the last nine while Dr. J. B. Mackie's card was spelt by a nine on the ninth.

The Ladies' Spring Meeting is being held at Fanning today and tomorrow (Tuesday and Wednesday) and the Courses of the Courses has been granted during various periods when competitions are being held. The times set apart for these may be seen in the Caddie Master's room. The Old Course will, however, be free on Wednesday afternoon.

Members of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club are reminded that the Ball Box will not run on Sunday, April 4, owing to exceptionally heavy traffic being expected during the China Ming Festival.

Entry lists are now posted in Clubhouses for the Shanghai Visitors' Cup, a thirty-lax hole medal competition to be played on handicap at Fanning on Easter Sunday—maximum allowance being eighteen strokes. April 4, is the closing day for entries for the Shek-O match and entry lists for the Club vs Services Annual game will be posted shortly. Entries in all these competitions may be made by telephone to the Club office as well as at Clubhouses.

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BLIND O'REILLY

By HENRY LONGHURST

My attention has been drawn, as people say in writing angry letters to the newspapers, having read the item for themselves and already ordered a dozen copies—to the curious case of the Australian Test bowler, W. O'Reilly.

Reaching the age where adults no longer play cricket, he took, naturally enough, to golf. Now, aged only 48, he has taken, it seems, to bowls.

"I have had just enough games to whet the appetite and I plan to play regularly," he is reported as saying. "It is a better game than golf." A deplorable utterance of which one can only say charitably that the bias must have entered his soul.

I seem surrounded this week by references to persons, who, literally or in the O'Reilly sense, are unable to see the light. Here, for instance, is a correspondent from an unpronounceable and almost vowel-less address in South Wales, who "last hit a golf ball on the Coopers Institute course in Zanzibar in 1910," telling me of the singular episode—it sounds like a Sherlock Holmes title—of the Black Boy, The Cynical, who the Roman Catholic Priest.

Somewhere about 1930 Father Beant, the priest in charge of Barbador, found that he was going blind and set about preparing himself in various ways. He was addicted to golf and pondered the proposition that there might be some basic principle, which, if mastered, would enable him still to hit the ball when blind.

He got hold of some of those little picture books which, when flicked rapidly in the fingers, give a cinematograph impression.

"One of these books," says my correspondent, "showed a man (I think his name was Bobbie Jones) using a driver." I think his name... oh, well, let it pass!

At any rate, the Rev. Father discovered that Jones's body turned, as it were, within a cylinder—whereupon he fashioned one, sought out a small black boy, set him inside it, put a club in his hand and promised him a penny to hit golf balls.

Ever after that the boy reported for duty, got into the master cylinder, and hit balls. They went straight. Eventually the cylinder was removed and they still went straight, to such good effect that the judicious cleric was able to augment the church funds by taking the boy to the golf club and betting the members that he could hit a ball so straight that it would pass within 18 inches of the direction post.

The tale, alas, has an unhappy ending, for Father Beant, having gone blind, found that, if a friend placed his club for him, he could in

Paris-To-Tokyo Motor Cyclist Returns Home

Paris, Mar. 29. Sports fans gathered in the centre of Paris today to give an enthusiastic welcome to Antoine Voulon on his return from Tokyo after covering in three months about 9,815 miles on his 1-cv motor cycle.

Voulon had left Paris on September 25, 1953, and reached Tokyo last February 25 after 92 days, riding through Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia, Syria, Iraq, West Pakistan, India, East Pakistan, Burma, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam and Ceylon-China.

Voulon said in Burma he escaped being attacked by a fierce bullock by throwing himself into a ditch and by two huge crocodiles as he was crossing a river by scurrying up to the bank.

He said he received a big welcome in Iraq and above all in Tokyo into which he made a triumphal entry flanked by hundreds of motor cyclists who decorated their machines with the French colours. One official, he said, travelled 500 miles to welcome him on behalf of the authorities.

He left Tokyo two weeks ago, flying back to Nice in Southern France, and when he was 700 miles from Paris he climbed back on his machine to motor into the capital—France-Press.

NOTICE

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

As an aftermath to a cricket match between H.M.S. Newcastle and the K.C.C., a CONCERT & DANCE will be held at the K.C.C. on SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1954 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

A feature of the evening will be performances by members of H.M.S. Newcastle Concert Party.

Admission \$3 (including light refreshments). Table booking open at the Clubhouse.

James Park Visits Charlie Elliott's Stable In France



Chantilly conference—CHARLIE ELLIOTT, COMTE DE BRIGNAC, the stable manager, and JAMES PARK.

For the first time we shall, this season, see in the racing returns: "Winner trained by C. Elliott." No more shall we be waxing eloquent about the brilliant technique of Elliott, the jockey. At least not in England.

As is well known, Charlie Elliott has become private trainer to M. Marcel Boussac, at Chantilly in France. In that country a licence may be granted to train and ride—but this will not cover England.

So I asked Elliott what he intended to do. "I shall take out a jockey's licence," he told me, "but I am not certain to ride. It will all depend on whether there may be an odd occasion when my services will be required."

That is what I had expected, as Elliott has 98 horses to look after.

ENTHUSIASM

Elliott has plunged into his new profession with the greatest enthusiasm.

"I have nothing good enough to run in the 2,000 Guineas," he told me, "but hope to have a runner in the 1,000 Guineas. I might have from eight to ten runners at Ascot, and if all goes well, I shall be represented in some of the more valuable weight-for-age races in England."

Of the horses above three years of age the greatest hopes are reposed in the four-year-old Janitor. He was so badly struck into the Prix de Triomphe that it was thought he would never run again. The flesh at the back of the neck foreleg was stripped in ribbons to the fetlock and cut to the tendon.

It was sewn up the same night and a wonderful job has been done. The mark is still to be seen, but the colt is cantering and shows no fear of using the injured limb.

The programme mapped out for Janitor is the Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot, the King George V and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

The accident has in no way interfered with the physical development of Janitor. A year ago I said he stood out amongst the Boussac three-year-olds. There is no doubt by my mind that he will be the best four-year-old in France at a mile and a half. He will not be asked to race beyond that distance.

Plans for the Gold Cup at Ascot depend on how Talmali, Aram and Annapurna fare in their respective preparations. I had written off Talmali as a back number. He seemed a tired horse all last year. Now he appears to have taken a new lease of life and is more full of himself than at any time since the staggering victory in the St. Leger.

Elliott is hopeful. I won't say more than that.

Malaya's Shuttle Champions In United States

New York, Mar. 28. Visiting badminton champions from Malaya made their first public appearance in the United States yesterday when they staged exhibition games at the New York Badminton Club courts in the 62nd Street Armory.

About 600 spectators watched the games, which are being held preliminary to the United States badminton championships, to be played at the Niagara Falls Country Club April 7 through 11.

In yesterday's feature match Ooi Teik Hock and Ong Poh Lim beat Eddie and David Chong 15-5, 15-10 to repeat their victory of last week when they won the All-England championships in London.

In other matches, Hock beat Mandu Natar 15-7 and Eddie Chong beat T. N. Seth 15-12. —United Press.

Seixas Wins U.S. "Good Neighbour" Tennis Singles

Miami Beach, Mar. 28. Top-seeded Vic Seixas of Philadelphia rallied today to defeat Art Larsen of San Leandro, California, 3-6, 13-11, 7-6, 3-6, and capture the men's singles title of the "Good Neighbour" tennis tournament for the second straight year. Larsen teamed with Sidney Schwartz of Fort Lee, Virginia, in the men's doubles final and lost to Hugh Stewart of Los Angeles and Hal Burrows of Charlottesville, Virginia, 6-4, 7-5. —United Press.

Hashim Khan Wins Open Squash Title

London, Mar. 28. Hashim Khan of Pakistan won the British Open Squash Championships today, the fourth consecutive time, when he beat the English champion, John Platt, 3-1. Khan, who is 27, is a former world champion and has won the title in 1951, 1952, 1953 and 1954. —United Press.

THE MOST TALKED ABOUT TRAINER IN RACING

By GEORGE WHITING

All you have to do, if you want to meet the most successful and the most talked-about racehorse trainer in the world, is to patrol the 30 yards of cobbles between Charlie Ryan's bar and Mrs McDonagh's haberdashery shop in Newbridge, hard by the Downlands of the Curragh, and some 25 miles west of Dublin on the rambling road to Cork via Kildare.

Sooner or later, a squat, jovial countryman, crying "horse" with every waddling step, will appear at the door of the Central Hotel. He's your man—P. (Paddy) Prendergast, the 48-year-old Irish genius who seemingly has only to whisper to a thoroughbred to make it emulate a bullet.

A swift appraisal by shrewd eyes, and then you are asked in for a drink. Tea, Trainer Prendergast has a palate for the peaty broth of old Ireland—but only in the depths of winter. With the approach of the "flat," he perches immovably on the wagon.

FINGERS CROSSED

Prendergast became a centre of international sports controversy when, four months ago, he was informed by the Jockey Club Stewards at Newmarket that he would not be permitted to enter any more horses on the sacrosanct turf of England—a decision which aroused indignation in every man, woman, and horse in Ireland.

For four months Mr P. has wisely kept his fingers crossed and his mouth shut in the hope of a reprieve.

Quickly he makes it plain that you are wasting your time if you hope to tempt from him one word of protest or complaint. But he does it with a chuckle. "I had taken my wife, Josephine, and my daughter Ellen, home to Ireland when war broke out," he told me. "But I came back to Liverpool in October 1940 to join the RAF. They turned me down. So did your Army."

"Then a Liverpool-Irish friend of mine, Detective Jack Sheehan, called at my hotel with a yellow paper in his hand and with a face as long as the Cesarewitch.

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WEEK-END HOCKEY

The following are the fixtures for all Divisions of the Hockey League this week-end.

Saturday
Ladies' Division—KGV 'B' v Victorians at Police Ground Boundary St. at 3 p.m. (Umpires: WOIR Richardson, L/Cpl Moore).

Sunday
Ladies' First Division—Recreo 'A' v KGV 'A' on Recreation Ground at 3.30 p.m. (Umpires: E. J. Corden, O. J. Fennell, M. J. Moore).

Men's First Division—YMCA v RN on Police Ground, Boundary St. at 10 a.m. (Umpires: J. B. Gonzalez, P. J. Xavier).

Recreo 'A' v Army 'A' on Recreation Ground at 4.45 p.m. (Umpires: O. J. Fennell, M. J. Moore, J. B. Gonzalez).

Men's Second Division—Recreo 'B' v Valley Sports HC on Police Ground Boundary St. at 10.30 a.m. (Umpires: M. J. Moore, M. J. Moore, J. B. Gonzalez).

Thunderside 'B' v St. Joseph's on Recreation Ground at 10.30 a.m. (Umpires: M. J. Moore, J. B. Gonzalez, P. J. Xavier).

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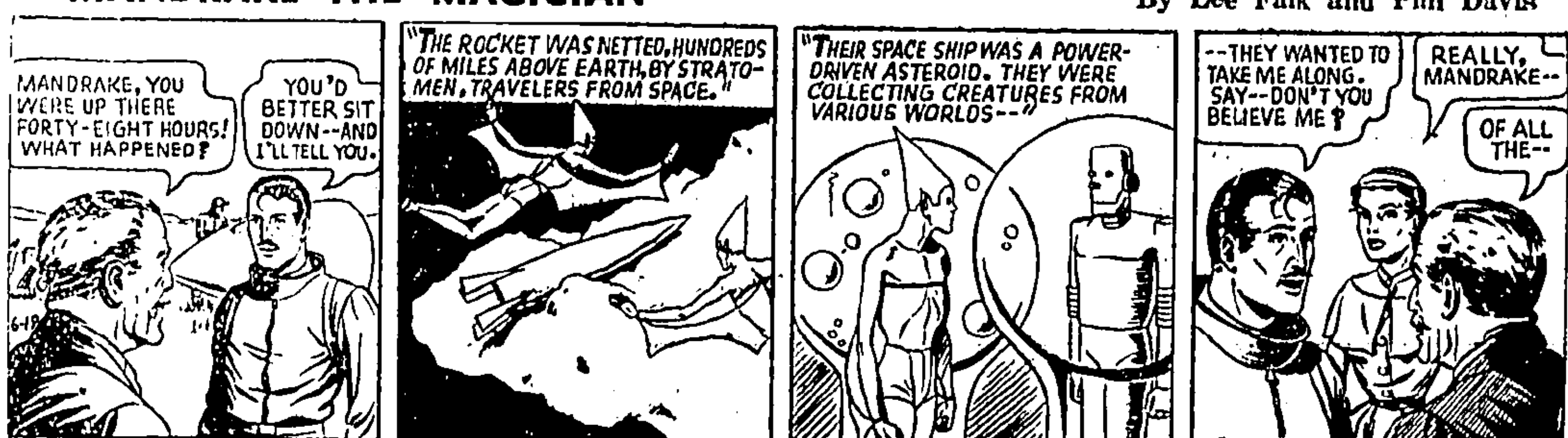
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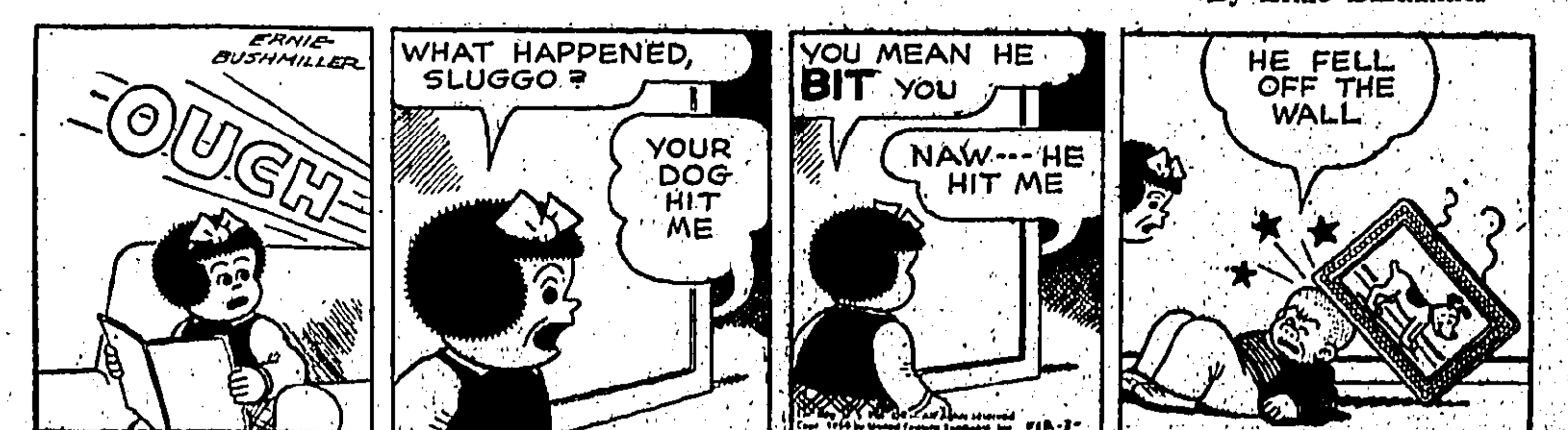
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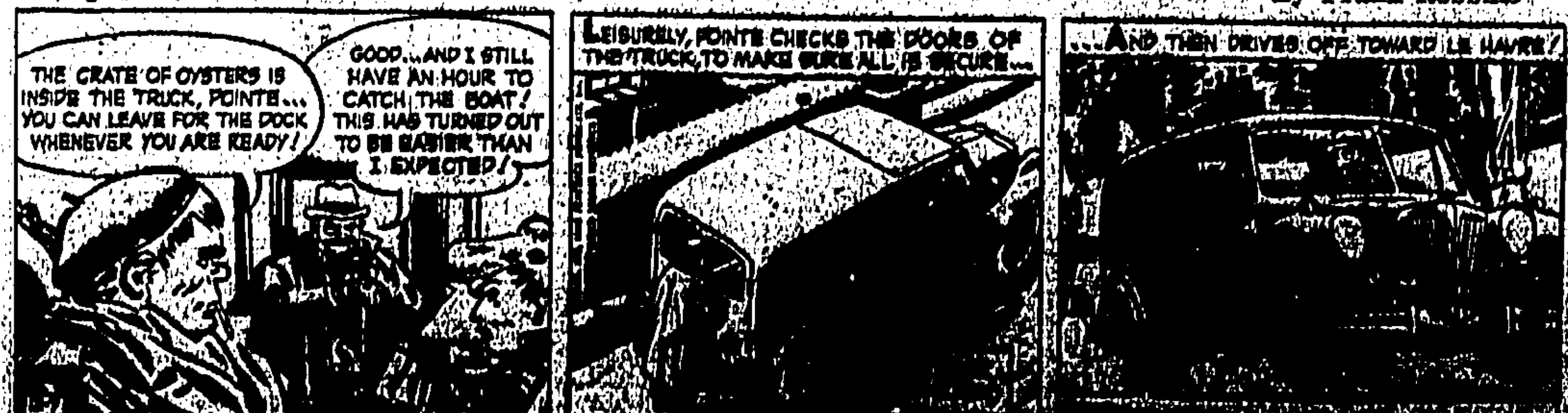
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By Air	Indo-China, France, 6 p.m.
By Surface	Philippines, 3 p.m.
	Indo-China, 3 p.m.
	Macao, 2 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31	
By Air	Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 9 a.m.
	Indo-China, 10 a.m.
	Formosa, Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 2 p.m.
	Japan, 8 p.m.
	Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.
	Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 9 p.m.
By Surface	China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
	Br. East Africa, Noon
	Formosa, 1 p.m.
	Macao, 3 p.m.
	Philippines, 2 p.m.
	Malaya, Burma, 2 p.m.
	L. Marques, South Africa, North Rhodesia (via L. Marquis), 2 p.m.
	Macao, 2 p.m.
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By Air	India, Ceylon, 8 a.m.
	Thailand, Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 11 a.m.
	Japan, 1 p.m.
	Formosa, 3 p.m.
	Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 9 a.m.
	Indo-China, 10 a.m.
	Formosa, 2 p.m.
	China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.

Paris, Mar. 29.
Marshal Alphonse Juin, French commander-in-chief of Allied forces in Central Europe, will leave on Thursday for army manoeuvres in the French zone of Germany.
The manoeuvres will be held on Thursday and Friday. Marshal Juin will return to Paris on Saturday.

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Night Shift W. 1

THE shops and offices about Piccadilly Circus had long since finished business for the day and closed their doors. Pleasure seemed the purpose of everyone abroad. But among the crowds who hurried to cinemas and restaurants and theatres there were some who moved more slowly. Furtive men with worried faces, whose working day was just beginning.

They were those who use the Circus and bars in the neighbourhood as business premises, buying and selling there all manner of goods into whose origin it would be unwise to inquire too closely. The night shift, the shifty men, who dream of easy riches.

READY MONEY

AMONG these, the other evening, two youths of 17 strolled, who had come up to the Circus from the East End. Presently, the youths, whose names were Stanley and Sydney, pushed their way into a crowded bar, ordered a bottle of lemonade each, and settled down to talk. They had hardly taken a sip from their glasses when a stranger sidled up to them.

"Let you have some Yank tags, £1 a carton of 200," the stranger said from the side of his mouth he was not using to chew gum.

Stanley, a job-buyer of trimmings by profession, and Sydney, who works for his tailor father, put their business heads together. At last, "Okay," they said, Sydney produced a £5 note from his pocket, and the stranger handed over five cartons of cigarettes.

THE GOOD TURN

"BETTER not get stopped with these," he rapped, as he moved off. "You might get into trouble if you was stopped."

Stanley and Sydney were stopped almost immediately, on the pavement outside. "Where did you get those cigarettes?" a plain-clothes policeman asked them.

"We was just carrying them for an American," Stanley said, as if that were their good deed for the day, and they were proud of it.

"Bought them from a Yank we thought was short of money. We wanted to help him, see," said Sydney.

The policeman was not satisfied. He took the pair to the station, and next morning at Bow Street, both pleaded guilty to being in possession of uncustomed goods—the 1,000 American cigarettes.

FRIGHTENED

THE police told their story to Mr. Bertram Reece, and Stanley and Sydney both said they had bought the cigarettes for their own use.

"Why did you give these different explanations?" the magistrate asked.

"We was frightened," said Stanley, and Sydney added: "You know what it's like when the police come on you."

The magistrate, who had never undergone that kind of harrowing experience, found the case proved. "Anything known?" he inquired.

"They are both youths of excellent character," said the officer in charge of the case, to the magistrate.

"What are they doing drinking lemonade, as they say, at Piccadilly Circus at 11 o'clock at night?" Mr. Reece asked.

THE IDEAL PLACE

THE Circus is an ideal place for buying these cigarettes," said the officer.

"These two had found that out. There's a sale for the cigarettes to factory hands and others."

"The duty-paid value of the cigarettes is...?" the magistrate inquired.

"It is £8.10s. 2d., sir."

Mr. Reece did some lightning calculations on his blotting pad. He turned to Stanley and Sydney. "You will each pay £4 9s. 7d. and two guineas each, very well, thank you."

The pair were shown out, and they went, looking tense and anxious, and outside they began to fumble for what their nerves cried out for, a fully-customed cigarette.

TEN APPEALS DISMISSED BY JUDGE

Ten appeals, most of them against sentence, were dismissed by Judge J. W. Gregg at Supreme Court this morning. In none of the cases did the Judge find sentences too excessive, and he commented that one was, if anything, too lenient. Mr. John Hobley appeared for the Crown.

One appellant, Yeung Wing-leung, appealing against a sentence of 14 months hard labour for burglary and breach of bond, told the Judge he had nothing to say except to ask for a reduction of sentence. "Yes?" said the Judge, expecting more.

"I have nothing to say."

"But you have said nothing at all."

"No, I have nothing to say."

"Well, if you have nothing to say, your appeal is dismissed."

Most of the appellants, however, appealed for family reasons.

Cheung Chan-sang, given two months hard labour and eight

months for larceny, said he had an old mother to support; Ng Shek, given a total of 8½ months for offences connected with dangerous drugs, pleaded with mother, wife and four children who relied upon him; Lee Cheung, given six months for false pretences and wrongful pawning, said he had a mother, wife and two children to support; Yeung Sam-fung, given two months for stealing a quantity of rice, said a mother, wife and three children needed him to look after them; Chun Kam-yung, alias Chung Yung-fock, alias Chung Fook, given 27 months for stealing bicycles, said he had to support a younger brother still at school, so that he in turn could earn his living and help to support their family. "I stole only seven bicycles," he told the Judge.

MAN'S REQUEST

Wong Chi-yin, who with Kam Chung-yau, appealed against sentence for theft, said that if the Court could not reduce his sentence of 30 months so that he could support his old mother and his children who were his dependants, he would like his seven-month sentence to be sent to an orphanage as his wife would not be able to support them. Kam Chung-yau said he had an old mother in Macao, and promised to leave the Colony with his wife if the Judge would lessen his two-year sentence.

Fong Wo-fat, who pleaded that he had been forced to steal a bicycle so that he could get money to live, said that his previous employer had promised to take him back to work, and asked the Judge to reduce his seven-month sentence so that he could take advantage of the offer at the earliest opportunity. He had two previous convictions and could give no written proof of his old employer's offer.

Cheng Hon-chau, who appealed against sentence while his fellow-appellant, Lau Fook, appealed against conviction, said that the Police had credited him with having distilled more wine than he actually had done. He was charged with being in possession of fermenting material, but said that some belonged to his friend, Lau Fook, said that, although the hut concerned belonged to him, the wine had been found outside it. The Judge commented that having regard to the quantity of wine he could not reduce Cheng's sentence, and said that having regard to the evidence adduced at the trial he could not think Lau's conviction was erroneous.

Wong Yiu-sing, given sentences totalling one year for fraudulent conversion, said he had reported himself to the Police and asked that his sentence should date from the date of his report. This was, Mr. Hobley said, untrue, and Wong's appeal was dismissed.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"How soon will I be able to have a nice even set of false teeth like my father's?"

Murder Trial: Det Denies Changing His Evidence

A suggestion that a Police detective-sergeant had deliberately changed his evidence from that given in committal proceedings in order not to contradict the evidence given by the Divisional Detective-Inspector of Kowloon City Division was put forward at the trial of three men and a woman charged with murder, before Mr. Justice C. W. Reece this morning at the Criminal Sessions.

The detective-sergeant, Wong Muk-lin, denied under cross-examination by Mr. Oswald Cheung, one of the Defence Counsel, that in testifying as to the time the woman accused was taken to the CID Office from the Police Station cell, he had altered the time to about an hour earlier.

The accused were Chung Ming-sun, alias 'Chung Sun', alias Chung Ming-sang, 25, unemployed; Lung Yee-hing, alias Lung Tsai, 22, unemployed; Lung Fong, 36, amah; and Kam Yun-chuen, 28, unemployed.

They were charged with murdering a 60-year-old woman, Tam Luk-sun, in the course of a robbery at 72 Nga Tsin Wai Road on November 23 last year.

Mr. Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr. Charles Ying, is representing the first accused; Mr. W. K. Lo, instructed by Mr. W. I. Cheung, is representing the second; Mr. O. V. Cheung is representing the third, instructed by Mr. P. D. d'Almeida Romoedios; and Mr. T. Shurlock is representing the fourth, on instructions of Mr. M. T. Holmes.

The Prosecution is conducted by Mr. D. F. O. Mayne, Crown Counsel.

An all-male jury is hearing the case.

Det-Sgt Wong Muk-lin, attached to Kowloon City Police Station, said in evidence that on November 23 last year he went with a Police party to 72 Nga Tsin Wai Road, second floor. There he took possession of a length of electric wiring, a Chinese-style baby-carrying cloth and a towel, all of which he handed over to Divisional Det-Inspector F. Indge Buckingham.

ALLEGED STATEMENT

About 9.45 a.m. on November 27, witness stated, he brought the third accused—the amah—at the Kowloon City Police Station from the cell to the CID Office. On the way, the third accused, it was alleged, told him: "I want to give a full account of the robbery."

Witness said he told Inspector Buckingham what the third accused said to him, and then turned her over to the Inspector's custody, in the CID Office.

Cross-examining, Mr. Oswald Cheung asked witness if it was present at an identification parade at about 7.30 p.m. on November 26, in which the second accused was placed on the parade, and the third accused was a participating witness. Witness replied that he was standing outside the room in which the identification parade was held.

Questioned further, he said the third accused, as well as the second, were in the room when the parade was held.

Witness said he did not see if they could pick out any one on the parade. But he did not know whether either of them was able to make any identification. After the parade, he himself went back to the Chinese detectives' room.

While in that room, he did not see the second accused. He had been locked up in the cell immediately after the identification parade. He did not hear the third accused being scolded or spoken to by any of the detectives in the Police Station.

Witness agreed that he had said that at the Magistrate's, but explained that he had probably made a mistake at the time, as he might not have remembered properly.

Mr. Cheung: You are highly placed—the senior detective at Kowloon City Police Station, apart from Inspector Buckingham?

Witness: Yes.

You are highly trained?—Well, fairly.

Were you ever told to remember times accurately?—Yes.

Did you deliberately change your evidence so that it would not contradict Inspector Buckingham's as to the time?—No, I did not.

I further questioned, witness denied having seen the third accused "continually interrogated and badgered" by detectives at the Station at one stage.

Hearing is proceeding.

North Point Wharves Development Scheme Two Big Transit Sheds Almost Completed

It was revealed at the annual general meeting of the North Point Wharves, Ltd., held this morning that during 1953 special arrangements were made to increase the company's overdraft to \$4,000,000 in consequence of which it has been possible to embark on an expansion programme, including the construction of two large two-storied reinforced concrete transit sheds. The work will be completed next month.

Major S. M. Churn, the chairman, made this disclosure, and he also stated that the profit for the period of nine months was \$417,005, equal to a 5.9% dividend or 7.9% per annum. He emphasised that the continued restrictions on the trade of the Port had caused a considerable fall-off in cargo landed.

While ordinary revenue, he said, had increased by \$48,000, rentals had decreased due to the interim loss of revenue during the new development scheme.

Addressing shareholders, Major Churn said: "At the last annual meeting, I stated from the chair that plans were in course of finalisation for the development of our valuable western berth; these plans were the subject of the circular letter to Shareholders then in their hands."

To summarise briefly, the necessity for completion of the quayside facilities was becoming urgent and the financial wherewithal not in sight. After negotiation with our Bankers and General Managers, it was agreed that provided our General Managers held 90% of the issued Capital, restricted dividends to 5% per annum, and guaranteed this Company's overdraft would be reduced at the rate of at least \$400,000 per annum, the overdraft limit would be increased to four million dollars, at which it was estimated there would be available funds to undertake the development of the western berth.

Accordingly, our General Managers made an offer to this Company's Shareholders, which was favourably received, and they acquired sufficient shares to make their holding up to 95.97% of the issued Capital. Certain Shareholders, representing 9,100 shares, refused the offer. Further negotiations have since been received, and although this is a young Company, the remaining Shareholders cannot be traced at present.

SUCCESS ASSURED

The success of this long-term policy thus assured, contracts were let for the construction of two large two-storied reinforced concrete transit sheds. The work has progressed satisfactorily and the whole job should be completed early next month. The development includes new roads, drains, electric installation and the ground floor of permanent facilities.

The Cold Store referred to in my speech last year was completed early this year and is in operation. This constitutes a valuable addition—to our facilities.

For the convenience of our General Managers, this Company's financial year has been altered to coincide with theirs. Therefore the accounts before this Meeting are for nine months only.

I have pleasure in submitting for your approval the Directors' Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet for the nine months ended December 31, 1953. The net profit for the period was \$417,005 equal to 5.92% dividend or 7.9% per annum. This represents a drop of 1.96% per annum. (The continued restrictions on the trade of the Port have caused a considerable fall-off in cargo landed in the Port. Actually, ordinary revenue increased by \$48,000, but rentals decreased due to the interim loss of revenue during the new development scheme referred to, and as the new buildings become available for use and trade improves, we shall reap the benefit of the additional facilities.)

Our mechanised handling facilities, which are operated by our own staff, have been a great asset to the Company.

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DEPOSIT CLAIM Short Cut Device Explained

The cross-examination of the second witness for the Defence in the \$2½-million deposit claim concluded before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice J. Reynolds in the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr. R. P. Mardulyn, Sub-Manager of the defendants, Banque Belge Pour l'Etranger (Extreme-Orient) Société Anonyme, of Edinburgh House, had been in the witness box since Thursday last.

Plaintiffs, the China Mutual Trading Co. of 13-27 Ice House Street, are claiming from the defendants the return (with interest) of HK\$2,500,171.96, being the balance of margins paid in connection with the importation of certain goods into Hongkong.

Alternatively, they claim the equivalent in Hongkong dollars of US\$449,504.43, or damages.

Mr. John McNeill, QC, Mr. Percy Chen and Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, all instructed by Mr. Y. H. Chan, of Messrs Lau Chan and Co., are appearing for the plaintiffs.

The defendants are represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, QC, and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, both instructed by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, of Messrs Deacons.

MARGIN DEDUCTED

In reply to a question by Mr. Chen who referred witness to accounts relating to a certain company in one of the Court's exhibits, Mr. Mardulyn this morning said that the Bank used a short cut device by deducting the margin from the amount which was actually payable or to be paid for the draft.

Witness said he remembered having said that instead of asking for a remittance of \$1¼-million odd, having to refund thereafter \$600,000, they had asked for a remittance of the difference.

When a document from another of the Court's exhibits, Mr. Mardulyn said that it was a statement for the payment of a draft. It showed the amount to be